

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a first substrate and a second substrate facing each other and maintaining a predetermined cell gap;
liquid crystals sealed between the first substrate and the second substrate;
a first electrode formed on the first substrate on the side that faces the liquid crystals;
a second electrode formed on the second substrate on the side that faces the liquid crystals;
first slits formed in the first electrode; and
second slits formed in the second electrode, intersecting with and extending in a direction nearly at right angles ~~with the direction in which~~ of the first slits ~~are extending as~~ viewed in a direction perpendicular to the substrate surface.

2. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal molecules are aligned nearly perpendicularly to the surface of the substrate when no voltage is applied across the first electrode and the second electrode, and are

regulated for their azimuths of alignment by the first and second slits when being tilted by the application of a voltage.

3. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the first electrode is a pixel electrode formed for each of the pixel regions, and the second electrode is a common electrode formed on the display region including a plurality of the pixel regions.

4. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein the pixel electrode has a rectangular shape, and the first slits are extending in a direction of the long side of the pixel electrode.

5. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein a nearly square shape is described by a region where there are overlapped the first and second electrodes defined by the first and second slits as viewed in a direction perpendicular to the surface of the substrate.

6. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further comprising:

a first polarizer element arranged on the first substrate on the side opposite to the side that faces the liquid crystals; and

a second polarizer element arranged on the second substrate on the side opposite to the side that faces the liquid crystals, and having an axis of absorption nearly at right angles with the axis of absorption of the first polarizer element.

7. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 6, further comprising:

a first $1/4$ wavelength plate arranged between the first substrate and the first polarizer element; and

a second $1/4$ wavelength plate arranged between the second substrate and the second polarizer element.